

Testimony for the proposed bill HB 5176
An Act Concerning Community Residences
Before the Planning and Development Committee
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Senator Osten, Representative Miller, Senator Linares, and Representative Aman,

Last year I was at the capital to testify before you regarding community residences. I am still seeking some sort of resolution to what appears to be a widespread problem in the state regarding community homes. We continue to have issues with the home in our neighborhood and we still feel that this is not a good location.

Just as a reminder, we live on a private road with four homes on one private road, and another six homes on the road directly off Red Fox Lane where the community home is. The community home is nearby to the bus stop and the mailboxes. This past year we had the following happen, just to name a few:

1. My daughter Payton was almost hit by a vehicle while at the bus stop with her father waiting for my other daughter to get off the bus. A young lady in the employment of the community home whipped around the corner while on her cell phone. This is a constant issue at this corner. People who actually live in the community drive much slower and care about the other people.
2. While at the bus stop in my vehicle awaiting the bus with my children, a young woman came running out of the house frantically to the main road looking up and down the road as if she was missing someone. A man came running up Rte 109 and they went back inside the house.
3. When driving home from the store, I notice my elderly neighbor (with dementia), outside talking to a man that I had never seen before. As we drove out several minutes later, this same man was wandering our street looking lost. He kept looking at the sky and acting very unusual. We got all of this on camera. When the man got to the top of the street a woman was walking out of the home and quickly brought him inside asking him "what are doing out here?". We were told these patients would be monitored 24/7 which has not been the case. This man had been on our street for over 30 minutes and nobody noticed. We reported this to the police. The only course of action was to arrest the ill man for trespassing which we did not want to do.
4. On Memorial Day we were coming home when a patient came running down the road to the main road. Two young people came running after the patient before he got to the main road.

We still have concerns about the traffic on the road, as it needs to be maintained by the residents on that road, it is constantly a sheet of ice in the winter. There are numerous cars driving in and out over the snow causing a huge mess by the time the residents get a plow out there. The garbage continues to be a problem. It isn't just one garbage

container, it is several. We are still concerned about the overuse of the septic system, and our well water quality, since the septic is original to the house from 1955 and there are constantly four to nine people in the house.

I have recently heard of the issues of the Manchester residents and I feel that this is going to continue to be an issue unless we work together to find the right homes. There are many homes out there that are just better suited if the towns are able to get involved, it would be a better situation for everyone.



This is a picture of a patient that was walking around by the bus stop. He finally walked back to the home without any supervision.



This picture was taken on a day our neighbor had to call an ambulance for her husband. The ambulance had to ask people from the home move their cars in order to get by.



This is a picture of our home at the end of the street.